

## WANTS BITE AT ARMOR CONTRACT

Trust Cuts Prices and Seeks to Divide with the Midvale Company.

## GETTING READY FOR CAMPAIGN

John Sharp Williams to Take Stump on His Return from Abroad.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—The most intense interest attaches to the case of the steel corporation and the armor plate bids, which are now being considered by the Secretary of the Navy. The bids are for the armor plate for the new battleships South Carolina and Michigan. The Bethlehem Company and the Carnegie Company, representing the Steel Trust, were underbid by the Midvale Company, and the contract should go to the latter company. The bid of the Bethlehem Company was \$170,000 higher than that of the Midvale Company, and the bid of the Carnegie Company was about \$30,000 higher than that of the Midvale people. Both the Bethlehem and the Carnegie Companies offer to supply the plate at the price at which their competitor will furnish it, arguing that to award the entire contract to the Midvale people would throw thousands of employees of the Carnegie and Bethlehem works out of employment. They have out the figures since the bids were opened, in order to get a share of the contracts, and the officials of the trust, including Charles F. Schwab, the president of the Steel Trust, have been here a day or two for the purpose of influencing Secretary Bonaparte to give the corporation a show. It is predicted that the Secretary of the Navy will divide the contract, giving each of the three companies a share. The injustice of such action is apparent to everybody, but Mr. Bonaparte may yield to the urgent insistence of the trust people, who will probably influence him by the talk of hundreds of people being thrown out of work by failure of the trust. The deliberate reduction of the bids to meet that of the Midvale is evidence of the enormous profit which the trust would have made on the contract had it been awarded it. The prices are about those at which armor has been supplied by the trust for all the other vessels of the navy.

## Williams on Politics.

Hon. John Sharp Williams is here to-day, on his way to New York, whence he will sail for London this week, to attend the Interparliamentary Convention as one of the delegates from the Congress of the United States. Mr. Williams spent nearly all his time to-day and last night revising several of the bills delivered during the recent session of Congress, which the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee will distribute as campaign documents. "I expect to return in August," said Mr. Williams, "and will then be at the disposal of the congressmen and committee to whom I can do good."

"I think there is little or no doubt that the Democrats will defeat Hon. Charles E. Littlefield for re-election from the Second Maine District," said Secretary Edwards, of the Democratic Committee. "I do not doubt that there is much reason to doubt that we will defeat John Dalzell, of the Pittsburgh district. I believe it is certain that neither of these gentlemen will have seats in the Sixtieth Congress, no matter who else is there."

Mr. Littlefield and Mr. Dalzell are charged with being responsible for the failure of the passage of the eight-hour law at this session. The bill provided that government contractors should not employ labor more than eight hours a day. The words of both Mr. Dalzell, of the Second Maine District, and Mr. Littlefield, of the Pittsburgh district, are said to be fighting those gentlemen tooth and nail.

The indictment charges that the companies and individuals indicted, controlling 75 per cent. of the ice business of the District of Columbia, ended their competition with each other on or before April 30, 1906, and "did unlawfully and knowingly combine, contract and conspire that they, the said American Ice Company and the said Chapin-Sacks Company, would thereafter charge the same price for ice which they, or either of them, should sell to the said dealers in ice, and did thereby restrain the said business, commerce and trade of them."

The men indicted gave bond in the sum of \$2,000 each for their appearance in court to-morrow.

Washington is alarmed over the statement of the health officer to-day that 576-616 babies died in the District of Columbia in the week ending yesterday. One of the best known children specialists in the city said this afternoon that the families of last week were responsible for the alarming rate of infant mortality, the poor classes being unable to get ice with which to keep the milk for the babies sweet and wholesome. It is said that the famine in ice, which lasted two days, was directly due to the tactics of the trust, which intentionally reduced the supply.

## Bids for Sites.

The supervising architect of the treasury has asked for bids for sites for public buildings in the following towns in North Carolina:

Concord, Fayetteville, Henderson, High Point, Kinston, Salisbury and Waukegan. The bids will be opened August 22. Bids for sites for public buildings in Tennessee, the bids to be opened August 13th, have been asked for Cleveland, Columbia, Johnson City, Murfreesboro and Paris.

## Exposition Location Good.

Mr. Taylor, the supervising architect of the treasury, returned to-day from Norfolk, Whittier he and Assistant Secretary Edwards, of the treasury, went yesterday for the purpose of conferring with the Jamestown Exposition officials regarding the location of government exposition buildings at the exposition. "The location of the proposed exposition is simply magnificent," said Mr. Taylor. "It could scarcely be improved. Mr. Taylor said he was prepared to rush work on the plans for the buildings which are to house the government exhibits, and would give this work the right-of-way over all other. It will not be very long before the actual work of erection begins. In the meantime, however, bids will have to be solicited, and the contracts awarded. This need not consume a great deal of time, indeed, this can be done very quickly after the plans and specifications are ready."

## Graves Renominated.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., July 12.—At the Democratic Judicial Convention, held here to-day, Solicitor S. P. Graves was renominated by acclamation, he having no opposition.

## VENEER PLANT BURNS.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollar Fire at Johnson City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, TENN., July 12.—The veneer plant of W. E. Uptegrove and Company, at Johnson City, Tenn., burned this evening. The loss is estimated at upwards of \$200,000, with only partial insurance.

The oil on a large belt caught fire when a match was struck near it. While repairs were being made, and the belt quickly communicated the blaze to the machinery rooms. The fire puts 150 men out of employment.

## VIRGINIA IS PROUD OF THEM

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School, at Bedford; Kleinberg Female School, Schuyler, Va. One of the most recently built of the large girls' schools in Virginia is the Sweet Briar Institute, which is just preparing to open at Sweet Briar, on the Southern Railway.

A great work for the upbuilding of teaching in the State is being done by the State Female Normal School at Farmville. The demand for teachers from this school is constantly increasing. A large part of the improvement in teaching in the State is directly traceable to the high standard maintained at this institution. In the far Southwest, at Bristol, is located the Virginia Institute, near it at Roanoke College at Danville, which is one of the most successful and widely known girl schools in the State.

The Martha Washington College at Abingdon, is another prosperous institution in the great Southwest. It is located near the Roanoke College at Danville, which is one of the most successful and widely known girl schools in the State. Long experience, high ideals, practical knowledge, how to obtain results and the personality of the teachers have all combined to make the girls schools of Virginia so deservedly well-known and popular.

Among the old and distinguished colleges of the State stands Hampden-Sydney. Its alumni are filling important and valuable positions in nearly every walk of life. Its reputation and record as an institution of learning are well known and improved and grown with time.

## Are Rapidly Growing.

Washington and Lee, Randolph-Macon and Virginia Polytechnic Institute are all rapidly growing in their capacity to serve and in their material and educational equipment.

In Richmond the Richmond College has grown and prospered until it has become one of the leading institutions in the State. Its influence and value to the whole State is constantly increasing. Richmond has prospered and grown enormously, but her educational institutions have kept full step with the city's commercial and financial growth of Pittsburg's boarding schools for boys and girls is deserved and widespread.

The schools for boys have long been recognized as among the best English-speaking schools in the world. The Episcopal High School, located in the city of Richmond, and the University of Virginia have sent out, and are still sending, many, cultivated and refined young men to take their part in the work of the world.

Eastern College, Front Royal and Fredericksburg College at Fredericksburg are both filling important parts in the educational life of this community, while the Westminster School, of Richmond, is doing an excellent work for girls.

In recent years the growth of business colleges has been a marked factor in educational life. Notable among these is the College of Business at Farmville, which is one of the best of its kind in the South. The Dunsmore Business College at Staunton, Va., the Piedmont Business College at Lynchburg. These institutions furnish an opportunity for young men to prepare themselves for mercantile lives and greatly facilitate the education of those who desire to pursue a commercial career. In the University of Virginia professional education is also of commanding importance in this State.

## Doing a Grand Work.

University of Virginia, the Medical College of Virginia, and the University College of Medicine are all doing magnificent work in educating young doctors for successful careers. The great development of hospital service in Richmond and the high reputation of graduates of the University of Virginia have combined to make medical education at any one of the above institutions most desirable. Among the best known law schools in America are those of the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee. Of recent years Richmond College law school has taken an increasingly prominent position. In mechanical engineering the University of Virginia and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute are doing successful and important work. While the work of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in scientific farming is already producing marked improvement in the methods and results achieved by agriculturists in this State.

After a number of rebuffs and other denials of the law of the land and the study of the law in the enforced privacy of prison walls it is probable that breaking laws will not be considered such great crimes as it has been in the past—New York Tribune.

## MRS. HARRY THAW PAYS VISIT TO HER HUSBAND IN TOMBS



Sketch of Mrs. Harry K. Thaw Leaving Her Hotel to Visit Her Husband in the Tombs.

Happy That She Could Carry Good News to Man in Prison.

## MRS. SCHWARTZ MISSING YET

Important Developments in the White Murder Case Soon Are Expected.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 12.—District Attorney Jerome returned to New York to-day from his summer home in Lakeville, Conn., and plunged into the Thaw murder case. With Assistant District Attorney Garvan he spent several hours up town, and it is said the two prosecutors had interviews with important witnesses. Neither Mr. Jerome nor his assistant would discuss their conference when they returned to the Criminal Court's building, but it was rumored that important developments soon are expected.

Mrs. Harry Thaw made her usual daily visit to her husband in the prison to-day, remaining with him about an hour and a half. From the prison she went to Judge Olcott's office, where she remained in conference with the attorneys for more than an hour. Then she hurried out to her cab and directed the coachman to drive to the Tombs as quickly as possible.

## Good News for Harry.

"I have good news for Harry," she said. "He remained in the Tombs about ten minutes, and as she was leaving a newspaper man said to her: 'You look particularly happy to-day.'"

"Yes," she replied with a smile, "to-day I am happier than I have been for some time."

Mrs. M. Y. Schwartz, who is expected to be one of the important witnesses in the Thaw-White murder case, did not appear at the District Attorney's office to-day in answer to a subpoena, which was served upon her yesterday. Instead, she called upon Assistant District Attorney Garvan and told him that Mrs. Schwartz is ill.

"She is sick in bed," said the attorney, "and I don't know when she will be able to see you."

## Continue the Subpoena.

"Very well," replied Mr. Garvan, "we will continue the grand jury subpoena against her until she is restored to health."

He sent a detective sergeant to the Pierpont, where Mrs. Schwartz lives, to remain on duty until further notice. It had been planned to question Mrs. Schwartz about a story to the effect that Harry Thaw, while a guest at a dinner at her apartment eight months ago, flourished a revolver and declared that he would shoot White with it.

## PENNSY GETS ITS OILS CHEAPER THAN OTHERS

Evidence to This Effect Before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day heard further testimony in its investigation of the oil industry and practices of the alleged monopoly. The proceedings were held under the Gillespie-Tillman resolution, adopted by the last session of Congress. R. W. Cull, of Baltimore, represented the Standard Oil Company, and George B. Gordon, of Pittsburg, the Pennsylvania Railroad.

George L. Peck, general manager of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, was examined concerning the contract the road had with the Galena Oil Company for the use of Franklin, Penna., for the lubrication of rolling stock.

By this testimony it was shown that the Pennsylvania Railroad, by its contract, received oil at a less figure than has been paid by other roads, and therefore had opened for them an opportunity for recovery of the price paid in excess of the cost to the Pennsylvania lines.

The proceedings were adjourned at the conclusion of Mr. Peck's testimony.

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Sheltering Arms Hospital to Have Addition Costing Five Thousand Dollars.

## NOW CONSIDERING PLANS

Board of Managers Examining Drawings for Annex Submitted by Mr. West.

(By Associated Press.)

The board of managers of the Sheltering Arms Free Hospital has under consideration plans, drawn by Mr. William C. West, for a new east wing, to be added to the present building, and to be the gift of Mr. John P. Branch.

Improvements and additions to cost over \$5,000 are being planned, and the ladies are to be enabled to provide for more patients than ever before and to give more efficient service by means of this generous gift.

The addition will be fitted up with all modern conveniences, and will be complete in every way. The basement floor will contain a modern laundry, a steam heating appliances, and several service rooms.

On the second floor, through which a broad, airy hall will be built, five new rooms for patients will be provided, while the third and highest floor will be given up to the operating, anaesthetic, robing and other rooms, forming a complete suite for the best service for the operating physician.

The several new patients' rooms, so long needed, will probably be endowed by persons who have heretofore pressed a desire to establish memorials of this character to a dead loved one, but who have of necessity been refused on account of lack of room.

## Plenty of Light.

The wing will be so arranged as to obstruct no window in the present building and to cut off no light or air from the large rear porch and the rooms looking on it.

The training school for nurses promises great success for the next term. A number of physicians, among them Drs. Monte Mann, Greer Baughman, Leonard Moore, W. W. Dunn, Bassett, Nichols and Nuckolls, have kindly consented to give the necessary lectures in the training school. The board has elected Miss George, of Georgetown, to succeed Miss Whithead as superintendent.

The hospital will be closed throughout the month of August, but will reopen for patients on September 1st. This annual closing is made necessary by the lack of funds. The board of managers is forced to close the doors during one month, because they believe it better to avoid the heavy debt which would be incurred by carrying on the work without the necessary contributions.

Voluntary contributions are the sole support of the hospital, and no patient who enters pays for the treatment and care received. Therefore an increased responsibility rests on the board, which is most energetic and untiring in its efforts for the good of the hospital.

## DRASTIC ACTION TAKEN IN CASE OF GO-BETWEEN

License of His Trainer Revoked and All the Horses of Owner Disqualified.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 12.—The stewards of the Jockey Club, the controlling body of the Eastern turf, to-night took drastic action in the matter of the horse Go Between, which won the public handicap at Shuonahat Bay when entered as a gelding, and was subsequently protested on the ground that he was a stallion.

The trainer's license of John Shields, who handled Go Between, was revoked, and all horses the property of Alexander Shields, owner of Go Between, Grinnides Right, Halfway and other good performers, were disqualified for thirty racing days. Alexander Shields is one of the best known men of the Eastern turf.

## INDICT ICE MEN WHO PUT UP PRICE

Washington Companies and Their Local Agents Presented by Grand Jury

## WARRANTS FOR THEIR ARREST

Companies Alleged to Have Combined to Prevent Low Rates, Violating Sherman Act.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The grand jury of the District of Columbia to-day returned indictments against the American Ice Company and the Chapin-Sacks Ice Company, and their local officers on the charge of entering into a conspiracy to increase the price of ice. At the request of District Attorney Baker, Judge Wright immediately issued warrants for the arrest of the indicted officials.

In addition to the two companies named, indictments were returned against Samuel A. Kimberly, local manager and agent, and George F. Hoover, superintendent of routes of the American Ice Company, and Arthur A. Chapin, president, and Samuel C. Redman, secretary and treasurer of the Chapin-Sacks Company. The proceeding is under the Sherman anti-trust law, and the indictments charge "a combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce."

The American Ice Company and the Chapin-Sacks Company transact about seventy-five per cent. of the ice business in the District of Columbia, and while the two companies were formerly competitors, it is charged that on the 20th of April last they entered into a combination, agreeing not to sell to dealers who should sell ice at wholesale for less than 25 cents per hundred pounds, or at retail for less than 40 cents per hundred pounds. This combination is alleged to have had the effect of destroying competition not only between the two principal companies, but also among the smaller dealers.

The indicted men gave bond in the sum of \$2,000 each. The trials cannot take place until next October.

## A PLOT TO KILL THE JAILER AT FARMVILLE

Prisoners Planned to Jump Out of Cells, Murder Him and Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FARMVILLE, VA., July 12.—It developed to-day that a daring plot was hatched by a group of prisoners in the sheriff of Prince Edward county, and acting as jailer.

When he went into the jail about noon to-day he discovered that the lever which opens the doors to two cells was sprung. There were two prisoners in these cells, a white man, William Winkler, a horse thief, and a negro suspect in the murder of John Grubb, which occurred about a month ago.

Mr. Bliss had with him Mr. Noel when he entered the corridor, and no attempt was made on him. They took aside another negro, who was in a cell close by, and questioned him. He stated these men had planned in his hearing to open the doors of the cells, at the same time rush upon Bliss, murder him, take his keys, and escape.

Mr. Bliss soon had the lever repaired, and before his two charges will be safely chained.

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## COTTON FIRM HEAD HAS DISAPPEARED

Business Shows Discrepancy of Nearly Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

## LEAVES LETTERS IN HIS DESK

Says He Alone is Responsible and That He Will Not Return.

(By Associated Press.)

AUGUSTA, GA., July 12.—Revelation of the financial embarrassment of the firm of cotton factors of Alexander and Alexander, the largest in the State, developed discrepancies of about \$145,000, following the disappearance of Thomas W. Alexander, head of the firm, and member of one of the most prominent families in Georgia.

Mr. Alexander left Augusta Saturday morning, having borrowed \$200 from a friend, saying he was going to New York. The following night his brother, Bishop Alexander, the junior member of the firm, received a telegram from him asking that his office desk be opened and three letters found there be delivered. One of the letters was to his partner, in which a statement was made of the financial embarrassment of the firm, and saying that if Mr. Alexander was not back in Augusta by Wednesday he would never be seen again. Another letter was addressed to a local cotton mill, and a third to Mr. Alexander's wife.

The matter in which the money was secured has not been made known by the three banks who are the lenders, except that it was in the shape of loans. The Georgia Railroad Bank sustains a loss of \$115,000, which was marked on its books to-day and charged to the business and undivided profits account. The National Bank of Augusta, losses \$7,000, and the National Exchange Bank, \$2,000. The available assets of the firm amount to about \$30,000, while the personal liabilities of T. W. Alexander, in addition to the amount of loans, is about \$25,000.

In his letters T. W. Alexander stated that he alone was responsible, that his brother knew nothing of the financial condition of the business and had nothing to do with it.

## TEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY FARMERS

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coming into her rights in the Old Dominion.

From the chapel the visitors were taken under the care of the heads of the various departments of college and station work, and guided through the buildings and experimental fields.

Science Hall first was visited by many. Here the equipment of the chemical department, especially attracted attention, as well as a matter of interest that the desks and other equipments were made by the students themselves, and that the plumbing of the buildings is done by the students.

In the laboratory the matter of soil fertility is a subject of investigation. This hall is a geological department which is making a survey of the State to determine the location of valuable mineral wells.

The shops next were visited, where the wood and iron work done by students during the school year.

## Luncheon.

Next came luncheon in the dining hall, where ample provisions had been made by the institution for its 1,650 guests, after luncheon investigation of the work of the college and station in the field.

The experimental plots and barns were in order.

The department of the field experiments received special attention here. Sixty-six acres of ground have been divided into fifteen hundred plots, where more than fifty investigations of various kinds are being conducted. These tests are directly concern the tropical farmers of the State, being made to determine the best varieties of the various farm crops, manner of feeding and cultivation, the fertilization and the proper rotation for profit and for the good of the land. The plots are most attractive in appearance, with their clean streets and neatly kept borders.

In the college barn, where hundreds of stockmen continually thronged, are excellent animals of all breeds of cattle, each of the three dairy breeds, and the cash beef breed, had its own partisans among the visitors, who were delighted in their fine points.

The investigation in the crossing of breeds are especially valuable, some excellent crosses being shown for exhibit. Among the feeding tests, is one being conducted on four lots of thirty-five steers, that illustrated the methods of the stations to the stockmen.

## Valuable Record.

A record has been kept of the exact weight and kind of food given to each stock for each day of the feeding season, and a record is kept of the gain of each lot upon the various rations used in the dairy barn.

A milking machine in practical operation was an object of interest. The creamery on the grounds gave opportunity to see the practical operation of butter and cheese-making and the handling of milk.

A canny has been built to take care of the vegetable products of the various experimental plots. The orchard and gardens cover sixty acres, and here eight

hundred varieties of tree fruit have been tested for the benefit of the orchards of the State.

The new agricultural hall is still under construction, and will be a splendidly equipped home for the agricultural department.

## Invading Army.

Throughout the day Blacksburg surrounded to her army of invading friends, and every member of the excursion spent a busy day in the inspection of the work. The grounds are growing more and more attractive in appearance every year. The usefulness of the institution is being extended by the increased facilities made possible by the State appropriation, and the prospect for the future has never appeared so bright as it does to-day.

Dr. McBryde is to be congratulated, and likewise Dean Soule and his hard-working colleagues, who are giving all their energy to the development of the institution.

## BODY EXHUMED.

Remains of M. B. Crowell to Be Buried in Hollywood.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., July 12.—Under instructions from Mrs. Crowell, of Harper's Ferry, atmosphere of the work, the body of the late M. B. Crowell was exhumed at St. John's Cemetery, Hampton, to-night, and will be shipped to Richmond this morning for interment at Hollywood Cemetery.

The body was buried yesterday morning with Masonic and religious ceremonies. Mrs. Crowell understood that the body was to be sent to Richmond yesterday, and when she found that it had been buried in the cemetery, she immediately wired instructions to have it taken up.

Mr. Crowell was general agent for the Old Dominion Steamship Company, Norfolk, and this city. He died Monday morning at the Chamberlin Hotel, after a lingering illness.

## LAWYER ABRAM HUMMELL SUSPENDED FROM PRACTICE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 12.—Abram H. Hummell was suspended from further practice at law, pending the appearance of his conviction in a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case, by a decision handed down by the appellate division of the Supreme Court to-day. Hummell has been for many years one of the most prominent criminal and divorce lawyers of this city. His firm, Howe & Hummell, acted for the defense in the case of Martin Thorne for the Goldensuppe murder, and the firm has been on one side or the other in most of the important divorce cases of the last fifteen or twenty years.

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